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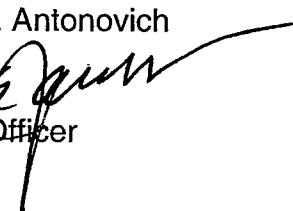
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SACRAMENTO UPDATE

Medi-Cal Hospital Financing

Yesterday, Health and Human Services Secretary Kim Belshé held a press conference to announce that the Schwarzenegger Administration has reached agreement on a Medi-Cal hospital financing waiver with the Federal government. Secretary Belshé reported that the waiver package would provide California with \$3.3 billion (\$671 million annually) in additional Medicaid funds over the five years of the waiver and said that the Administration will work with the Legislature and various stakeholders to secure legislation to implement the waiver prior to the Legislature's scheduled adjournment on September 9, 2005. California's current waiver expires June 30, 2005, and the Administration has requested a 30-day extension of the current Selective Provider Contracting Program waiver.

Overall, the waiver reforms the mechanics of inpatient Medi-Cal payments, including \$2 billion in Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) and SB 1255 hospital payment programs, to reduce and/or phase-out the use of Intergovernmental Transfers (IGTs). In lieu of IGTs, the waiver establishes an alternative financing model known as Certified Public Expenditures (CPEs) which would be made by county and University of California hospitals. These CPEs are essentially county funds expended on indigent

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health care, and they would backfill IGTs being used to fund the non-Federal share of DSH and SB 1255 payments and the State General Fund share of base Medi-Cal payments to public hospitals.

The waiver would create a Safety Net Care Pool comprised of a substantial portion of existing Federal Medi-Cal funding for public hospitals, as well as a new source of Federal funding (\$180 million annually) that would be contingent on the State expanding managed care in the first two years of the waiver, and establishing a Healthcare Coverage Initiative to expand coverage options for persons currently uninsured in the remaining years of the waiver. The total annual value of the Safety Net Care pool is \$766 million annually.

The Administration indicates the waiver will provide \$671 million in more Federal funds annually comprised of \$226 million related to changes in the use of California's DSH allotment, \$265 million in growth available to private safety net hospitals, and \$180 million related to managed care and coverage. Securing a sufficient non-Federal share will determine whether these funds can or will be realized.

The DSH Task Force, of which the County is a member, responded to the announcement by outlining a series of concerns raised over the past year that have not been addressed in the waiver negotiations, such as the bifurcation of public and private hospitals funding; lack of sufficient growth for public hospitals; the waiver subjects private safety net hospitals to annual general fund appropriations; a requirement to expand managed care and coverage to access \$180 million annually of the Federal funds; and it does not provide assurance that sufficient non-Federal funds will exist to draw down all possible Federal funds.

Speaker Fabian Nuñez issued a press release stating that there are concerns that the waiver agreement "doesn't provide the necessary Federal dollars to stabilize California's public and private hospitals," and that he shares "the concerns of California's hospitals that the Administration's proposal provides no guarantees that hospitals can access new Federal dollars, because much of the proposed funding is tied to risky proposals, like mandatory enrollment into managed care."

Status of County-Interest Legislation

County-supported AB 338 (Levine), which would require the State Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to use increasing amounts of crumb rubber from waste tires in State highway, construction, and repair projects, passed the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee on June 21, 2005 by a vote of 8 to 5, and now proceeds to the Senate Environmental Quality Committee.

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County-supported AB 856 (Bass), which would add the Director of the Department of Conservation, or his or her designee, as a non-voting member of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy (BHC) board, make changes pursuant to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, and repeal the requirement that the BHC obtain and maintain liability insurance, passed the Senate Natural Resources and Water on June 21, 2005 by a vote of 9 to 2, and now proceeds to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

County-supported AB 1252 (Pavley), which would authorize the County to designate Mulholland Highway as an official County Scenic Highway, passed the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee on June 21, 2005 by a vote of 12 to 0, and now proceeds to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

County-supported AB 1565 (Pavley), which would authorize the California Children and Families Commission, in coordination with the State Departments of Education and Social Services, and other interested parties, to develop a proposal for creating a statewide voluntary star-quality rating system for child day care facilities to encourage child care providers to provide a higher standard and quality of care than is currently required under the California Child Day Care Act, passed the Senate Education Committee on June 22, 2005 by a vote of 9 to 0, and now proceeds to the Senate Human Services Committee.

County-sponsored AB 1769 (Negrete Mcleod), which would provide an exemption for the Los Angeles County Fire Chief from the mandatory retirement provisions under County Employees Retirement Law of 1937, was amended June 20, 2005 to add an urgency clause and delete provisions that would have made changes to other public retirement systems unrelated to the County. The bill now solely addresses the County's Fire Chief, and is to be considered on the Assembly Floor on June 23, 2005.

County-opposed SB 926 (Florez), which would permit the Kern County Board of Supervisors to adopt an ordinance to regulate or prohibit the importation of sewage sludge from another California county for application in Kern County, was amended on June 20, 2005 to permit the Kern County Board of Supervisors to prohibit the *land application* of sewage sludge in the *unincorporated areas* of Kern County, and require the prohibition to exempt land application permitted by a State or local entity before the effective date of the prohibition. The exemption would not apply to any renewal of a pre-existing permit that directly regulates the land application of bio-solids when the renewal occurs after the effective date of the prohibition. SB 926 is currently in the Assembly Local Government Committee awaiting a hearing date. Our Sacramento advocates will continue to oppose this measure.

County-supported SB 578 (Escutia), which would require a railroad corporation to promptly notify the Office of Emergency Services, the California Highway Patrol, and designated county public safety agencies in an endangered area, of certain information

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relative to hazardous materials, and in certain events, of train and track locations, whether or not an accident or spill occurs, passed the Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee on June 22, 2005 by a vote of 7 to 0, and now proceeds to the Assembly Transportation Committee.

A roster containing the status of all bills of County interest is attached.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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 City Managers Associations
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STATUS OF BILLS OF INTEREST TO THE COUNTY
2005-06 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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<u>BILL</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
AB 13	Goldberg	Support (State Update: 4/21/05)	Would establish the California Racial Mascots Act which would prohibit public schools from using the term 'Redskins' as a school or athletic team name, mascot, or nickname beginning January 1, 2007. Schools with enrollment boundaries that include a portion of Indian reservations would be exempted provided that the tribe having regulatory jurisdiction over the territory has authorized the use of the team name, mascot or nickname through an appropriate enactment or resolution.	Senate Appropriations
AB 22	Lieber, Liu	Support (Board Action: 6/7/05)	Would define and provide strong deterrents to the crime of human trafficking, which involves the recruitment, transportation, or sale of persons for forced labor.	Senate Judiciary
AB 109	Chan	Support if Amended to require stronger fiscal oversight by the State without affecting local control (Board Action: 3/1/05)	Would require county First 5 commissions to: 1) adopt policies regarding conflict of interest and contracting and procurement procedures; 2) adopt a limit on the amount of its operating budget that can be spent on administrative functions; 3) adopt policies and processes establishing the salaries and benefits of employees of the county commission; and 4) send its annual audit and report to the State First 5 Commission. The bill would authorize the Controller to recommend to the State Commission that it withhold the county commission's share of tobacco tax revenues until the Controller determines that the county commission has corrected its practices as necessary to respond to audit findings.	Senate Local Government
AB 126	Dymally	Oppose (State Update: 1/25/05)	Would require counties to ensure that the availability of services and quality of treatment received by indigent patients is equivalent to the care received by non-indigent patients in private facilities. Would also change the Beilenson process to require counties to make a finding that closing, eliminating, or reducing indigent health care services will not have a detrimental impact on the health care needs of indigent people in the county.	Assembly Health

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AB 158	Bermudez	Support (Board Action: 5/24/05)	Would require the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to convene a special task force to study certain railroad safety issues, including vandalism, transporting hazardous waste, and identifying threats from terrorism, deficiencies in current land use planning and deficiencies for responding to railroad emergencies. It would also require the CPUC to recommend safety measures and include the findings and recommendations in its annual report to the Legislature on sites on railroad lines that are found to be hazardous.	Assembly Utilities and Commerce
AB 208	Gordon	Support (Board Action: 2/15/05)	Would authorize school districts that have elected to become a school district of choice prior to April 1, 2005, to give priority for transfers to the children of military personnel, and establish specific time lines within which such a transfer may be requested by the parent or guardian, and must be resolved by the school district.	Senate Education
AB 262	Berg	Support in Concept (State Update: 4/29/05)	Would prohibit the Judicial Council from requiring that a court facility proposed to be transferred from a county to the State, be held to a stricter standard than those standards adopted by the county for county buildings.	Assembly Appropriations Suspense File
AB 338	Levine	Support (State Update: 3/30/05)	Would require the State Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to use increasing amounts of crumb rubber from waste tires in State highway, construction, and repair projects. Specifically, this bill requires the State to use not less than 20 percent crumb rubber, by ton, of the total amount of asphalt paving materials used on and after January 1, 2007, and increases this amount to 25 percent by 2010, capping the crumb rubber mix in asphalt to not less than 35 percent by 2013.	Senate Transportation and Housing
AB 379	Evans	Support (State Update: 6/21/05)	Would allow satisfactory progress in a secondary school to count toward the 20 hours of core welfare-to-work activities required by CalWORKs participants to the extent the hours spent in secondary education cannot be accomplished within the remaining hours of required activities. It would also allow participation in vocational education, or other activities that would not preclude recipients from being able to count the following activities toward their 20-hour core requirement: 1) mental health, substance abuse, or domestic violence services; 2) adult education; 3) job skills training; 4) education directly related to employment; and 5) satisfactory progress in a secondary school.	Senate Human Services

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AB 547	Berg, Richman	Support (State Update: 4/4/05)	Would repeal the requirement that a city or county authorize its needle exchange program through a declaration of a local emergency, and authorize clean needle exchange programs upon the action of a county board of supervisors and the local health officer or health commission, or upon the action of a city council, the mayor and the local health officer.	Senate Health
AB 613	Mountjoy	Support (State Update: 3/23/05)	Would establish a higher burden of proof for the determination of "job relatedness" in workers' compensation cases. Under current law, an injury is deemed compensable (job related) if the job contributes in any manner or degree as the cause of the injury. AB 613 would provide that for an injury to be deemed compensable there must be a preponderance of evidence that employment activities were the predominant causes of the injury.	Assembly Insurance
AB 642	Negrete-McLeod	Oppose Unless Amended to limit liability to those instances where injury or death is a result of an action by the employer (State Update: 3/23/05)	Would create a job-related presumption for workers' compensation for an injury or death as a result of a vaccination or medication given to prevent infection from a biochemical substance. Under the bill, the employer would be liable even if the vaccination is procured solely by the employee without direction of the employer.	Assembly Appropriations Suspense File
AB 667	Jones	No Position	NOW: Was amended to require the Legislative Analyst's Office to contract with an appropriate and qualified entity to conduct an evaluation of the child support program, convene an advisory group to provide oversight of the process, and report the findings and recommendations of the evaluation to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2007.	Senate Judiciary
		Oppose (State Update: 4/21/05)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have changed the performance standards relating to, and State oversight of, local child support agencies and required the State to either seek the removal of the local administrator or assess a financial penalty for failure to achieve performance standards.	

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AB 696	Chu	Revised Position Pending	NOW: Still does the same but was amended to maintain the Statewide Fingerprint Imaging System (SFIS) for CalWORKs cases and Food Stamp cases with General Assistance, eliminate SFIS for Food Stamp only cases, and eliminate the current SFIS requirement of taking photographs of CalWORKs and Food Stamp applicants as a condition of receiving benefits.	Senate Human Services
		Support if Amended to retain fingerprint imaging for CalWORKs cases and Food Stamp cases with General Assistance (State Update: 3/28/05)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have: 1) replaced the quarterly reporting in CalWORKs and Food Stamps with semi-annual reporting; 2) provided categorical eligibility to Food Stamp benefits for certain Medi-Cal participants; 3) simplified Food Stamp verification requirements; 4) required the State to seek a Federal waiver to exempt certain Able-bodied Adults Without Dependents from the 3 month limit to Food Stamp benefits, at the option of the County; and 5) eliminated the requirement to maintain a statewide fingerprint imaging system for use in connection with eligibility for CalWORKs, Food Stamps and General Assistance.	Senate Health
AB 717	Gordon, Horton	Support and Amend to specify that the Centinela Airport Clinic must comply with the policies and procedures of the local EMS Agency to receive basic life support patients as part of the 911 EMS system, and to increase reimbursement rates for physicians and ambulance service providers (Board Action: 5/10/05)	Would allow the freestanding Centinela Airport Clinic, on a pilot basis, to be considered the equivalent of an emergency department of a general acute care hospital despite not being located on the premises of a general acute care hospital, and would require the Centinela Airport Clinic to: 1) comply with the requirements of a general acute care hospital emergency department; 2) be open 24-hours per day, 365 days per year; 3) maintain laboratory services and provide necessary radiological services; 4) assure physician, surgeon, and nurse staffing applicable to hospital emergency departments; 5) be capable of transferring patients to higher levels of care; and 6) provide data to the EMS agency. The Centinela Airport Clinic is currently being reimbursed at the level of an urgent care center, and AB 717 would allow for a higher reimbursement at emergency department rates.	Senate Health
AB 761	Jones	Oppose (State Update: 5/24/05)	Would require the California Department of Health Services to consider any staffing guidelines developed by relevant professional associations, worker injury rates, and patient injury rates, in determining if staffing is adequate in general acute care hospitals, acute psychiatric hospitals, and special hospitals. These provisions would not apply to the staffing of licensed nurses.	Senate Health

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AB 779	De La Torre	Support (State Update: 6/10/05)	Would require the California Department of Health Services to work with counties, providers and advocates to implement an automated procedure to give Medi-Cal providers access to the due dates of the annual Medi-Cal redetermination and semi-annual status report, which patients must submit to maintain Medi-Cal eligibility. Under this bill, Medi-Cal providers would have the option of notifying Medi-Cal beneficiaries of approaching due dates for these required reports using information from the automated system. The State would be required to implement the automated notification system on or before June 30, 2006, if funds are appropriated for this purpose.	Senate Appropriations
AB 783	Jones	Support (State Update: 4/1/05)	Would require the State to pay for expenses incurred by local governments in the preparation and conduct of elections proclaimed by the Governor to fill a vacancy in the office of Senator or Member of the Assembly, or to fill a vacancy in the office of United States Senate or Representative in Congress. It also provides that where an election is consolidated with a local election, the State would only pay for those additional expenses directly related to the election proclaimed by the Governor.	Senate Elections, Reapportionment and Constitutional Amendments
AB 856	Bass	Support (Board Action: 4/19/05)	Would add the Director of the Department of Conservation, or his or her designee, as a non-voting member of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy (BHC) board, make changes pursuant to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, and repeal the requirement that the BHC obtain and maintain liability insurance.	Senate Appropriations
AB 862	Bass	Support (State Update: 5/12/05)	Would direct the Department of Corrections to provide information on how to modify child support orders to every inmate who is a parent of a minor. The information would include: 1) a Child Support Handbook; 2) a pamphlet entitled Child Support Information for the Parent in Jail or Prison; 3) information and forms on Compromise of Assigned Arrearages; and 4) information on services provided by family law facilitators.	Senate Judiciary
AB 889	Ruskin	Support (State Update: 5/2/05)	Would continue the authority of counties to collect registration fees for commercial weighing and measuring devices by repealing the sunset date of January 1, 2006. These devices (scales and meters) are used to calculate the price of goods sold.	Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development

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AB 921	Daucher	Oppose (State Update: 3/24/05)	Would: 1) allow the term of redevelopment projects to be extended for an additional 25 years without making a new finding of blight; 2) allow a redevelopment agency, during a 25-year extension, to use up to 40 percent of the property tax allocated for infrastructure improvements related to the production of market-priced or affordable housing while using a minimum of 60 percent of the funds to increase, improve, or preserve market-priced and affordable housing; and 3) limit the amount of property tax shifted to redevelopment agency receipts during a 25-year extension to 50 percent of the amount that would otherwise be allocated under current law.	Assembly Housing and Community Development
AB 1090	Matthews	Support (Board Action: 3/29/05)	Would define conversion technologies and promote their development by incorporating conversion technologies within the State's waste management hierarchy in proper context to its environmental benefits and impacts, and provide diversion credit to jurisdictions that utilize such facilities.	Assembly Natural Resources
AB 1167	Chu	Oppose (State Update: 4/29/05)	Would allow the City of El Monte and the El Monte Community Redevelopment Agency to amend the Downtown El Monte Redevelopment Project and: 1) eliminate the time limit on the establishment of indebtedness; 2) increase from \$44.4 million to \$65 million the amount of bonded indebtedness that the agency may have outstanding at any one time; 3) extend the time limit on the effectiveness of the plan for up to an additional 10 years; 4) substitute required pass-through payments to taxing agencies (including the County) with "certain tax increment amounts"; and 5) commit 30 percent of all taxes allocated pursuant to transit oriented projects to low and moderate income housing.	Assembly Housing and Community Development
AB 1248	Umbreg	Oppose (State Update: 4/7/05)	Would prohibit a county from imposing a booking fee on local agencies, colleges, and universities for county costs incurred in processing or booking persons arrested by those entities for a felony offense, by permitting the charging of a fee only for crimes which are not felonies. The measure also expressly prohibits the imposition of booking fees for misdemeanor offenses relating to driving under the influence, domestic violence, battery, and specified sex-related offenses.	Assembly Local Government
AB 1252	Pavley	Support (Board Action: 4/26/05)	Would authorize the County to designate Mulholland Highway as an official County Scenic Highway.	Senate Appropriations

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AB 1269	Pavley	Support and Amend to specify a local appropriation based on population and location and include beach facilities and improvements in the eligible uses for grant assistance (State Update: 6/10/05)	Would enact the Clean Air, Clean Water, Coastal Protection, and Parks Act of 2007, which, if adopted by the voters, would authorize an unspecified amount in State General Obligation Bonds for resource protection, acquisition, restoration and development. The bill has four major funding categories (Clean Air, Clean Water, Coastal Protection, Parks and Wildlife Protection), all of which the County would be eligible to compete for funding. The bill currently does not specify an amount of bond funding or identify a future statewide ballot for the proposal to be submitted to the voters. The bill provides that up to 10 percent of the program funds would be made available to finance monitoring, research, or planning necessary for successful project implementation.	Assembly Appropriations
AB 1285	Montanez	County-sponsored	Would expand eligibility for participation in the Investing in Early Educators stipend program to include persons working in licensed family child care homes and child care centers that do not hold California Department of Education contracts. Urgency measure.	Senate Human Services
AB 1330	Karnette	Oppose (State Update: 3/24/05)	Would: 1) establish the Harbor District Development Authority in the City of Los Angeles, and authorize the Los Angeles City Council, by resolution, to designate the Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners as the redevelopment agency for the Los Angeles Harbor District (LAHD); 2) create a new definition of blight that fits the circumstances of the LAHD; 3) exempt the LAHD from certain environmental impact report requirements; 4) shorten plan adoption reporting requirements; and 5) eliminate the prohibition on redevelopment agency use of property tax increment for operations and maintenance expenses (current law restricts the use of agency funds to capital expenses).	Assembly Local Government
AB 1331	Umbberg	Oppose (State Update: 3/23/05)	Would exempt most safety member employees from last year's workers' compensation reforms established by SB 899 of 2004 relating to apportionment of permanent disability and to certain presumptions.	Assembly Appropriations Suspense File

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AB 1333	Frommer	Support (State Update: 6/3/05)	Would: 1) make it a crime for a grease hauler to discard grease materials at any place other than an authorized facility; 2) prohibit a grease hauler from reinserting grease materials into any facility from which the hauler has just removed the material; 3) subject violators to a misdemeanor, punishable by six months in jail or a maximum \$10,000 fine, or both, and allows the court to bar repeat violators from engaging in the grease hauling business for up to five years; and 4) earmark 50 percent of penalty revenue to the Environmental and Training Account, 25 percent to the customary penalty distribution process, and 25 percent to the local health officer or other local official who investigated the matter bringing the action.	Senate Public Safety
AB 1380	Gordon	Support (Board Action: 4/12/05)	Would create rules for determining the inventory of numbering resources applicable to the telecommunications carriers that hold numbers (codes or blocks within rate centers) in California, to avoid the premature exhaustion of an area code.	Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications
AB 1491	Calderon	Oppose (Board Action: 3/8/05)	Would reduce the Housing Authority's responsibility for the allocation of Industry Housing Fund Program funds by authorizing the City of Industry to transfer up to 50 percent of the low-and moderate-income housing funds currently administered by the Housing Authority to another eligible public entity located outside the City.	Assembly Housing and Community Development
AB 1565	Pavley	Support (State Update: 6/7/05)	Would authorize the California Children and Families Commission in coordination with the State Departments of Education and Social Services, and other interested parties to develop a proposal for creating a statewide voluntary star quality rating system for child day care facilities to encourage child care providers to provide a higher standard and quality of care than is currently required under the California Child Day Care Act.	Senate Human Services
AB 1605	Wolk, Berg	Support (State Update: 4/14/05)	Would add officers and employees of financial institutions, including banks, credit unions, and savings and loans, to those designated as mandated reporters of financial abuse perpetrated against elder and dependent adults.	Assembly Inactive File
AB 1664	Gordon	Oppose (State Update: 6/1/05)	Would permit voluntary disclosure of elder or dependent adult financial abuse by financial institutions, and require certain financial institutions to provide training to their employees regarding such abuse. It would also grant broad civil and criminal immunity to financial institutions and their officers, employees, and agents related to any financial abuse that is disclosed.	Senate Banking, Finance and Insurance

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AB 1769	Negrete-McLeod	County-sponsored	Would provide an exemption for the Los Angeles County Fire Chief from the mandatory retirement provisions under the County Employees Retirement Law of 1937, only if the person was employed as fire chief prior to May 1, 2005 and the person retires before April 1, 2009. The bill extends this exemption only through April 1, 2009. Urgency measure.	Assembly Floor
ACA 17	Mullin	Support (State Update: 4/29/05)	Would amend the California Constitution to authorize 17-year old citizens, who will be at least 18 years old by the next general election, to register and vote at that general election and at any intervening primary or special elections that occur after the person is eligible to register to vote.	Assembly Appropriations
AJR 22	Bass	County-sponsored	Would urge Congress and the President to take immediate action to eliminate restrictions on child death review teams to access school records of deceased children.	Senate Desk
SB 34	Florez	No Position	NOW: Was amended to address the probation requirements of sex offenders and make other changes related to sex offender registration.	Senate Desk
		Oppose (Board Action: 3/1/05)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have required that the majority of the membership of the county First 5 commissions consist of persons who do not represent a county.	
SB 35	Florez	Support if Amended to require stronger fiscal oversight by the State without affecting local control (Board Action: 3/1/05)	Would require county First 5 commissions to: 1) adopt policies regarding conflict of interest and contracting and procurement procedures; 2) adopt a limit on the amount of its revenues that can be spent on administrative functions; 3) adopt policies and processes establishing the salaries and benefits of employees of the county commission; and 4) send its annual audit and report to the State First 5 Commission. The State Commission is allowed to withhold the county commission's share of tobacco tax revenues for failure to submit the data. In its report, each county commission must list, by category, all program areas funded in a format prescribed by the State commission.	Assembly Local Government
SB 57	Alarcon	Support (State Update: 4/18/05)	Would augment the Emergency Medical Services Fund by allowing counties to collect an additional \$2 penalty assessment on every \$10 penalty for all criminal offenses and moving violations and would allow county boards of supervisors, by resolution, to levy an additional \$2 penalty assessment for specified crimes and moving violations, including speeding, seat belt infractions, domestic violence and DUI's. Counties with pediatric trauma care units would be authorized to use these new funds to establish a Pediatric Trauma Fund to purchase pediatric facilities and equipment.	Assembly Health

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SB 112	Ortiz	Oppose (State Update: 4/8/05)	Would change the formula used to calculate each county's share of total State Refugee Employment Social Services (RESS) and Refugee Targeted Assistance Program (RTAP) funds. The bill would require 50 percent of the RESS funds to be allocated on the proportion of refugees receiving public assistance, and the remaining 50 percent based on the most recent 60-month refugee arrival data. Would also allocate RTAP funds based on the arrival data during the most recent 60-month period using Federal methodology. These changes would result in the County receiving \$700,000 less funds for the Refugee Employment Program.	Assembly Human Services
SB 116	Dutton	Support (Board Action: 2/1/05) and County-sponsored	Would eliminate the Safe Surrender Law sunset provision in order to provide for the safe surrender of infants as an alternative to abandonment permanently.	Assembly Judiciary
SB 148	Scott	Support (Board Action: 5/24/05)	Would authorize any county or city to apply new zoning regulations to pre-existing businesses which sell alcoholic beverages for off-site consumption, such as liquor stores, allow affected businesses up to six months to comply, and authorize local agencies to allow longer time periods.	Assembly Governmental Organization
SB 153	Chesbro	Support and Amend to include beaches in the definition of parks (State Update: 4/12/05)	Would enact the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2006, which, if adopted by the voters, would authorize the issuance of \$3 billion in State General Obligation bonds for resource protection, acquisition, and development.	Assembly Natural Resources
SB 258	Chesbro	Support (Board Action: 5/10/05)	Would require the California Department of Mental Health to establish a working group to develop recommendations on improving the quality of care in residential care facilities serving adults with mental illness.	Assembly Appropriations
SB 266	Romero	Support (State Update: 6/14/05)	Would require the Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) to establish a trauma care advisory committee to develop a statewide trauma care plan for presentation to the EMSA and the Legislature by January 1, 2007, to address all aspects of a trauma care system, including a seamless statewide transportation system, and all possible funding sources.	Assembly Health
SB 267	Romero	Support (State Update: 4/18/05)	Would restructure the Trauma Care Fund to require regional distribution of funds based on the statewide proportion of trauma care services provided in a region, repeal the requirement that trauma centers receive a minimum level of funding, and require the grants to be awarded on a competitive basis.	Assembly Health

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SB 324	McClintock	Support (State Update: 3/15/05)	Would define a transportation gridlock emergency as a condition that requires extraordinary State action, and authorizes the Governor to declare a state of emergency when any highway has an average daily vehicle delay that exceeds 3,000 vehicle hours per day.	Senate Transportation and Housing
SB 395	Escutia	Support if Amended to define 'court purposes' to include all county-court-related functions that are necessary for the efficient operation of the Superior Court (State Update: 4/29/05)	Would enact the California Court Facilities Bond Act of 2006 to fund the acquisition, construction, and renovation of trial court facilities, and place the bond act, for an as yet unspecified amount, on the ballot for the next Statewide election. This bill would provide funding needed because of the depletion of the Courthouse Construction Fund to build new court facilities or renovate existing court facilities that have been transferred to the State and allows the Judicial Council to require counties to pay for their share of bond principal, interest, and expenses for new construction or renovation.	Assembly Judiciary
SB 399	Escutia	Support (State Update: 5/24/05)	Would allow a county to assert a recovery that injured Medi-Cal eligible patients receive from a third party. It would allow a lien for past medical expenses against a settlement or compromise, in addition to a judgment and establish a new court procedure for resolving disputes that may arise between the provider and the patient relating to the amount that would be reimbursed to the provider.	Assembly Judiciary
SB 466	Kuehl	Support (State Update: 4/14/05)	NOW: Still does the same thing but was amended to include school zones as requested by the County.	Senate Transportation and Housing
		Support and Amend to include school zones (State Update: 3/8/05)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have allowed a local agency to use a mobile photo radar system to enforce speed limits on streets within residential districts, subject to certain requirements.	
SB 516	Ortiz	Support (State Update: 4/5/05)	Would require residential care facilities for the elderly with six or fewer clients or residents, licensed as of January 1, 2007, to have an automatic fire sprinkler system by January 1, 2011. Facilities licensed on or after January 1, 2007 would be required to have an automatic fire sprinkler system on the date of licensure.	Senate Appropriations Suspense File

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SB 521	Torlakson	Oppose (State Update: 3/24/05)	Would change redevelopment law relating to transit villages by: 1) allowing local governments to extend the boundaries of a transit village development plan; 2) amending current redevelopment law to include the lack of high density development within a transit village development district as an economic condition that causes blight; and 3) requiring the agency to submit the proposed transit village redevelopment plan to the California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank which would make a finding on whether the proposed project is consistent with the requirements of redevelopment law.	Assembly Housing and Community Development
SB 578	Escutia	Support (Board Action: 5/24/05)	Would require a railroad corporation to promptly notify the Office of Emergency Services, the California Highway Patrol, and designated county public safety agencies in an endangered area, of certain information relative to hazardous materials, and in certain events, of train and track locations, whether or not an accident or spill occurs. It also requires the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to investigate any incident that results in a notification pursuant to this requirement, and to include this information in its annual report to the Legislature.	Assembly Transportation
SB 640	Escutia	Support (State Update: 5/10/05)	Would appropriate \$5 million in one-time only Federal quality carryover child development funds to continue local programs of training and technical assistance to child care providers to increase their capacity to care for children with disabilities, and specifies the eligible uses of the funds received by child care resource and referral agencies.	Assembly Human Services
SB 656	Romero	County-sponsored	Would allow a county board of supervisors to place on the ballot a local tax of up to 5 percent on the sale of alcoholic beverages.	Senate Revenue and Taxation Suspense File
SB 869	Bowen	Support (State Update: 6/17/05)	Would establish the Nurse-Family Partnership Program and require the California Department of Health Services to make grants available to counties for the provision of voluntary visiting nurse services to first-time pregnant, low-income mothers, their children and their families. It would appropriate to the Department any increase in Federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act dollars allocated to the State during FY 2004-05, and any increase in funding from this source allocated to the State in subsequent years, for the purposes of this bill.	Assembly Health

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SB 926	Florez	Oppose (State Update: 4/4/05)	Would permit the Kern County Board of Supervisors to adopt an ordinance to regulate or prohibit the importation of sewage sludge from another California county for application in Kern County, and would require the prohibition, if enacted, to exempt a contractual obligation to import sewage sludge for land application that was in existence before the effective date of the prohibition.	Assembly Local Government
SB 945	Soto	County-sponsored	Would change California's HIV reporting system from code-based to names-based.	Senate Judiciary
SB 969	Ducheny, Morrow	Oppose (State Update: 4/18/05)	Would exempt a driver who is 18 years of age or older from the requirement to wear a safety helmet when riding on a motorcycle, motor-driven cycle or motorized bike, if the driver has completed a motorcycle rider training program or has held a class M1 license for two years or more and has proof of current medical insurance. Would also exempt a passenger who is 18 years of age or older from the requirement to wear a helmet if the passenger has proof of current medical insurance.	Senate Transportation and Housing
SB 1018	Simitian	Support (State Update: 4/14/05)	Would add officers and employees of financial institutions, including banks, credit unions, and savings and loans, to those designated as mandated reporters of financial abuse perpetrated against elder and dependent adults. The bill would also: 1) establish civil penalties from \$1,000 up to \$5,000 if the failure to report resulted in a death or great bodily injury; 2) require the penalty to be payable by the financial institution to the elder or dependant adult; and 3) create a liability-free period for newly-hired tellers for failing to report suspected elder abuse during the first six months of the teller's employment.	Assembly Desk
SB 1086	Migden	Oppose (Board Action: 6/21/05)	Would prohibit the City of Long Beach from setting aside oil revenues produced in the State Tidelands for future use in cleanup of oil fields and would require the City to return revenues in the abandonment reserve fund to the State.	Assembly Natural Resources
SJR 13	Escutia	Support (Board Action: 5/24/05)	Would urge the President and Congress of the United States to amend the Federal Railroad Safety Act to increase authority of state and local governments to enact railroad safety regulations providing greater protection for their residents from railroad derailments, hazardous materials spills, and highway-rail crossing accidents, as long as state enactments, rules, or regulations do not conflict with Federal law and do not impose an unreasonable burden on interstate commerce.	Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications